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Operational activities of the United Nations for international development cooperation

Draft resolution submitted by the Vice-President of the Council, Jaime Moncayo (Ecuador), on the basis of informal consultations

Progress in the implementation of General Assembly resolution 59/250 on the triennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 44/211 of 22 December 1989, 47/199 of 22 December 1992, 50/120 of 20 December 1995, 52/203 of 18 December 1997, 52/12B of 19 December 1997, 53/192 of 15 December 1998, 56/201 of 21 December 2001 and 59/250 of 22 December 2004,[1] as well as Economic and Social Council resolutions 2002/29 of 25 July 2002, 2003/3 of 11 July 2003 and 2004/5 of 12 July 2004, and other relevant resolutions,

Recalling also the importance of the triennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities, through which the General Assembly establishes key system-wide policy orientations for the development cooperation and country-level modalities of the United Nations system,

Reaffirming the role of the Economic and Social Council in providing coordination and guidance to the United Nations development system to ensure that those policy orientations are implemented on a system-wide basis, in accordance with Assembly resolutions 48/162 of 20 December 1993, 50/227 of 24 May 1996 and 57/270B of 23 June 2003,

Reaffirming also that the fundamental characteristics of operational activities for development of the United Nations system should be, inter alia, their universal, voluntary and grant-based nature, their neutrality and their multilateralism, as well as their ability to respond to the development needs of recipient countries in a

[1] See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 49* (A/59/49 (Vol. I) and corrigendum).

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flexible manner, and that operational activities are carried out for the benefit of recipient countries, at the request of those countries and in accordance with their own policies and priorities for development,

Stressing that the purpose of reform is to make the United Nations development system more efficient and effective in supporting developing countries to achieve the internationally agreed development goals, on the basis of their national development strategies, and stresses also that reform efforts should enhance organizational efficiency and achieve concrete development results,

Emphasizing that operational activities for development of the United Nations system should be valued and assessed on the basis of their impact on recipient countries as contributions to enhance their capacity to pursue poverty eradication, sustained economic growth and sustainable development,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the management process for the implementation of General Assembly resolution 59/250 on the triennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system,[2] and welcomes the efforts to establish the management process for the implementation of the resolution, as contained in that report;

2. *Notes* the response of the United Nations system in undertaking initiatives to implement General Assembly resolution 59/250, as specified in the actions, targets, benchmarks and time frames identified at the agency and inter-agency levels that are contained in that report;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in response to paragraph 102 of resolution 59/250, to update the matrix contained in that report, including analytical reporting on results and outcomes achieved through the implementation of all actions outlined in the report;

4. *Encourages* the use, within the matrix, of quantifiable targets and measurable benchmarks, with well defined time frames at the system level, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 59/250, taking into account section III of the resolution on capacity-building in its entirety, as well as increasing system-wide capacity in support of recipient countries and enabling and facilitating the access of recipient countries to the full range of services and accumulated experience available throughout the entire United Nations system, including the regional commissions, as appropriate and consistent with their mandates;

5. *Takes note* of the work programme related to the coordination of operational activities for development for 2005;[3]

6. *Takes note also* of the report of the Secretary-General on funding options and modalities for financing operational activities for development of the United Nations system;[4]

7. *Looks forward* to further consideration of that report, in accordance with paragraph 24 of resolution 59/250;

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[2] E/2005/58.

[3] See E/2005/CRP.1.

[4] A/60/83-E/2005/72.

8. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on comprehensive statistical data on operational activities for development for 2003;[5]

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to further refine the data contained in that report to better reflect funding for operational activities for development, including a better distinction between contributions made for humanitarian assistance and for long-term development cooperation, and expenditures and actual contributions as received and channelled through the United Nations funds, programmes and specialized agencies and the United Nations Secretariat;

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General to make use of the annual statistical compendium on operational activities for development submitted to the Council at the operational activities segment of its substantive session in its new format, as adopted in accordance with paragraph 22 of General Assembly resolution 59/250;

11. *Reaffirms* the necessity for the full implementation by the United Nations funds and programmes of the relevant provisions of General Assembly resolution 59/250.

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[5] A/60/74-E/2005/57.